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REACTION HAS ARRIVED.

What has become of the exploited "King Rebellion" of Iron county, Mich., where they were going to make an example of the local authorities because they objected to the search without warrant of private houses by federal officials? The fact that the houses searched were the homes of the poor didn't seem to make any difference to the Michigan district attorney, who, living away up there in Iron county, thinks that the fourth amendment to the constitution of the United States is still in force—the poor Rule. Here is the fourth amendment:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against UNREASONABLE SEARCHES AND SEIZURES shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

Most everywhere else the fourth amendment and other amendments intended to secure and guarantee the rights of the citizens against federal usurpation have been swallowed up in the eighteenth amendment. Prohibition is in the saddle. The stocks, the knot and the stake boom up in the near future. But Iron county is exempt and will remain exempt until the rest of the country is subdued.

The strutting apes who put up such high stunts are no different now than in Shakespeare's time. Major Dabrymple was going to take the army, the navy and the marines up to this Michigan peninsula to destroy a little fermented grape juice and a few bottles of blackness brandy when Washington called a halt. The call down was complete and it is obvious that the fiasco was in a measure responsible for the resignation of the head of the internal revenue department who had served the better part of a lifetime with honor and dignity in enforcing the excise laws. He could not stand for the action of the department of justice which brought the prohibition law into ridicule. The foolkiller has been needed for a long time, but the demand has increased tremendously since federal agents started out to make drinkers dry. An illustration is the search of the baggage of the Busch family at Dallas, Texas, a short time ago. No greater or more unprovoked or ruthless violation of law and order has been perpetrated by the bolsheviks in Russia or the Carranza regime in Mexico. The true friends of prohibition cannot but be profoundly impressed by evidence of reaction in public opinion which everywhere. This petty contemptibility of the attempted enforcement of the act accounts for this and the feeling will become strong enough to work a repeal.

MASTERS OF DIPLOMACY.

While Carranza is busy harassing American newspapermen and aiding guerrilla forces to hold Americans for ransom, it is pleasant to note that the chief disturber of the neighboring republic is manifesting an astuteness which should result in his recognition by the Wilson administration. Some Villa has presented the new game of catch as catch can Americanism that he may hold conversation with representatives of the two forces which an open season has been established over the Rio Grande. Villa likes the spectacular stunt but his latest field of endeavor is decidedly novel and refreshing. The loudst president of Mexico declares that he is making prisoners of Americans for the sake of finding the real sentiments of the American people and he guarantees immunity from robbery and physical harm to all those who fall into his clutches. What's more, he is making good on his promises and having a lot of fun at the expense of both Carranza and Wilson. It will be remembered that when these two great champions to ascendancy in the sister republic, President Wilson sent a message calling upon the three factions to get together in conference and settle their differences, declaring that otherwise the United States would not recognize any one of the three. Two of the aspirants for power agreed to the plan but Carranza defied the president by suggesting that he mind his own business. Within a very short time President Wilson recognized Carranza, thus recognizing the man from whom he had defiance. In one incident after another Carranza won diplomatic successes of importance with Wilson. The president placed an embargo on arms to Mexico, lifted the embargo and restored it; he aided Villa and, opposed him; he sent troops into Mexico to get Villa and called them home without success; he sent a fleet to Vera Cruz and possession of the custom houses, seized public moneys and called the American fighting forces home with nothing gained. Owing to this spurious policy Mexico continues to humiliate Americans and the White house is farther from a solution of the trouble than it was when General Pershing was ordered back to the border after the Carrizal massacre.

VERY VITALS OF THE CASE.

Elihu Root, counsel for the attorneys in the case of Rhode Island against the eighteenth amendment holds that to establish the validity of that amendment would be to sweep the last vestige of the local autonomy reserved to the states, or to the people, by the constitution as adopted. These reservations include what then and now were and are regarded as the "liberties of the people" which are all that make life on earth worth living and for which heroes and martyrs of all ages have fought and died.

If the federal government can put a man in prison for carrying a bottle of wine home from his next-door neighbor's house there is nothing which it cannot do when proposed by two-thirds of both branches of congress and agreed to by irrevocable majority vote of the legislatures of three-fourths of the states not elected on that issue.

That Mr. Root accurately states the result of holding the eighteenth amendment constitutionally valid will not be disputed and needs no argument. His brief is not quoted in full, but if, as must be assumed, he holds it beyond the power of three-fourths of the states to enforce the other fourth, or any state, into a union so completely the reverse of that which it ever agreed to enter, and

that without giving the people themselves an opportunity to pass upon it, it is time to pause and reflect. It is not merely the question of preventing the use of alcoholic drinks. It is a question of a revolutionary change in our form of government effected by what seems to be due process of law.

Lawyers of the age and standing of Elihu Root do not present a court legal arguments which they do not believe sound. And many competent judges of the law and of men would regard the opinion of Mr. Root as of more moral weight than the opinion of the entire supreme court as now constituted. Unfortunately it has no legal effect whatever.—S. F. Chronicle.

JUST A LINE OR TWO WITH YOU

By G. L. B.

SHE'S ONE of my neighbors.

UP ON Central street.

AND FOR that reason

I CAN'T afford

TO MENTION her name.

BECAUSE THERE are times

WHEN I like to borrow eggs

OR BUTTER

AND OTHER things.

AND ANYWAY

THE OTHER day

SHE BOUGHT a fireless cooker.

AND HAD it installed

IN HER kitchen.

AND WAS awfully proud of it.

AND READ the notice

THAT CAME with it.

AND THE notice said

YOU COULD put anything

IN THE oven.

AND GO on down town

OR TO a dance

OR ANY other place.

AND COME back home.

AND DINNER would be cooked.

TO A queen's taste.

AND SHE tried it.

ON A chicken.

AND PUT it in the oven.

AND COME back.

IN ABOUT two hours.

AND SET the table.

AND GOT ready for dinner.

THEN OPENED the oven

OF THE fireless cooker.

AND PULLED out the chicken.

AND IT was raw.

AS WHEN she put it in

AND SHE called up

HENRY SCHMIDT.

AND TOLD him

THAT THE thing was a fake

AND WOULDN'T work.

AND HE went up

TO TAKE a look at it.

AND ASKED her

IF SHE had heated the stones.

AND SHE said

"WHAT STONES?"

THEN HE explained

HOW THE thing worked.

AND SHE was disappointed.

IN A way.

BECAUSE THE cooker

WASN'T REALLY fireless.

AS SHE thought it would be.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY, March 11.—Use your eyes and your nose, and never under any circumstances your tongue to determine whether your canned food is fit to eat, is the advice of Dr. Ernest C. Dickson of the Stanford Medical school, who is investigating botulism, the poison which has recently caused deaths among people eating canned food products.

The bacillus of botulism is destroyed by heat and there will be no danger from this source if canned goods are boiled before they are eaten, according to Dr. Dickson, who said this is the sum and substance of what science can tell the general public for its protection.

Prompted by a nature-study bulletin in the library at West Springfield the school children there found 183 varieties of wild flowers during the last summer. The names of the flowers and their finders were placed on the bulletin.

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